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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is an Amendment and Response to Office

Action in response to the Office Action, mailed November 1,

2007, wherein the Examiner rejected Claims 101-120 in view of
prior art references.

Based on the following Amendments and Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows: